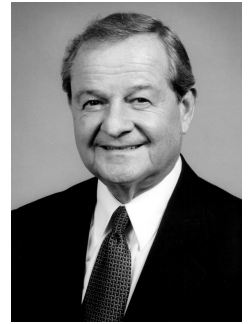


2002 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE



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Governor Frank O'Bannon

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), in concert with the Indiana Department of Commerce, the Indiana Department of Administration and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, is seeking nominations for the 2002 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence. These awards recognize Indiana's leaders who have implemented outstanding environmental strategies into their operations and decision-making processes. By seeking out and utilizing innovative environmental practices, facilities/programs reduce waste, save money and contribute greatly to Indiana's environmental protection efforts. Seeking out environmentally-friendly solutions benefit the health and welfare of Indiana's communities and the state as a whole.

Eligibility

The Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence are open to all Indiana facilities, state and local units of government, individuals and technical assistance organizations that operate or support environmental protection efforts of outstanding quality. Eligible technical assistance organizations include, but are not limited to: public entities, educational groups, trade associations, individuals, and public interest, community and labor groups.

Nominated Projects/Facilities:

- ? Must be located in Indiana.
- ? Must focus on significant environmental protection activity in 2000 or 2001 in one of the categories listed.
- ? Must be voluntary and not the result of actions mandated by regulations or enforcement decrees.
- ? Must have good environmental, health and safety records. Unresolved compliance issues or enforcement actions involving the facility and/or its parent company may eliminate a project from consideration for an award.
- ? Must agree to share their project or program information with others through written materials that will appear in various IDEM publications.
- ? Must be willing to work with IDEM staff to promote environmental excellence statewide.

Governor's Awards are competitive and recognize only exemplary programs.

All projects must demonstrate significant results.

Programs must be innovative, comprehensive and present measurable results.

The award ceremony will be in September, 2002, during the Governor's Conference on the Environment.

Awards Categories

Energy/Renewable Resources

This category is for projects or programs that prevent pollution by either reducing energy use or by producing energy using zero- or very-low-emission technologies. It includes efforts to significantly increase the energy efficiency of buildings or equipment, the use of environmentally benign energy production technologies, and the use of innovative technologies that will reduce dependence upon traditional fossil-fuel-based energy sources.

Greening the Government

This category recognizes individuals, facilities or agencies within local, county or state government who aid in the development of efforts to improve the environmental performance within their own operations. Nominees can include specific programs, such as an environmental education program for government employees, an internal recycling collection program, purchasing recycled-content and environmentally preferable products, implementing pollution prevention and energy efficiency strategies or providing programs to reduce impacts of employee transportation to and from the workplace. In order to be eligible in the Greening the Government category, the nominee must demonstrate how the specific environmental program fits into a broader comprehensive Greening the Government effort, which includes at least three in-house environmental-focused program areas. State sponsors of this award program are not eligible for an award.

Land Use

This category recognizes projects that incorporate innovative and effective methods or practices to preserve or improve land use. Qualifying project will revitalize underutilized or contaminated land, or would preserve green space or reduce sprawl. Examples could include brownfields redevelopment, increasing density/decreasing lot size, building public space, turning abandoned landfills into parks, preserves, or other productive uses, innovative smart growth policies or comprehensive plans and farmland preservation. Special consideration will be given to projects that prevent pollution or include extensive public participation.

Outreach or Education

This category recognizes excellence for sustained education and outreach programs that promote proper environmental stewardship or result in enhanced environmental protection. Eligible programs may include creative school presentations and assemblies, hands-on group activities, green marketing techniques, or business outreach and media campaigns. One-day events are not eligible. Collaborative efforts are encouraged.

Pollution Prevention/Source Reduction

This category is for nominees who have implemented one or more pollution prevention projects in the last year. A facility in this category has reduced the use of hazardous materials or the risk of an accident involving the release of a hazardous material through pollution prevention as defined on page three. Eligible projects in this category may focus on one or more of the following: input change, product reformulation, production process redesign and/or modification. For product substitution or reformulation, you must provide a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet for the previously used and new chemicals.

Recycling/Reuse

This category recognizes outstanding reuse or recycling programs that use innovative methods to reduce the amount of waste sent to final disposal. Projects can address residential, commercial, or industrial waste streams or buy recycled purchasing initiatives. The nominated project should be comprehensive and include source reduction, reuse, recycling and buying recycled components. Examples of such projects include commercial business operations that have fully integrated waste reduction operations, entities that have achieved a documented 50 percent recycling rate, programs that have created extensive buy-recycled purchasing policies and practices, and comprehensive recycling/waste reduction programs in the school.

Definition of Pollution Prevention

A. Source reduction is any practice that:

- ✍ reduces the amount of any hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant entering any waste stream or otherwise released into the environment (including fugitive emissions) prior to recycling, treatment or disposal and
- ✍ reduces the hazards to public health and the environment associated with the release of such substances, pollutants or contaminants.

B. Other practices that reduce or eliminate the creation of pollutants through:

- ✍ increased efficiency in the use of raw materials, energy, water or other resources, or
- ✍ protection of natural resources by conservation.

Pollution Prevention includes:

Equipment or technology modifications; process or procedure modifications; product reformulation or redesign; substitution of raw materials; improvements in housekeeping, maintenance, training or inventory control.

In-process recycling must serve a productive function with the making of the commercial product for which the original process was designed and must be an integral part of that process, i.e. the production process cannot function without the recycling process.

Pollution Prevention DOES NOT include:

Energy recovery; treatment; disposal; recycling; any practice that alters a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant ONCE IT IS GENERATED; a practice that is not necessary for production; or practices that create new risks to human health or the environment.

Notification and Selection

IDEM anticipates winner notification by mid August 2002.

A review committee representing industry, academia, government and environmental organizations will evaluate the nominations. It is possible no awards will be issued in a particular category or class. Multiple awards may be presented in a single category or class.

Selected finalists will receive a site visit in May or June. The comprehensiveness of the program will be evaluated during the site visit.

Please Note:

Information received in nominations for Governor's Awards becomes a public record.

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Nomination for the 2002 Governor's
Awards for Environmental Excellence

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To:

DUE FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH!

How to Submit a Nomination

1. Select an award category.
2. Complete the [Nomination Cover Page](#), including the project summary.
3. Answer questions that pertain to your award category. Please remember: the initial nomination review will be based upon the written description and documentation of the project. The nomination must demonstrate to the reviewers that the project or person deserves an award.
4. Submit up to three, double-sided pages on recycled-content paper or six pages in an electronic format.
5. Submit only one copy of the nomination. Do not submit in binders or folders.
6. Include supplemental materials only if essential to understanding the nomination.
7. Prepare separate nominations for each project.
8. Call (800) 988-7901 or in Indianapolis call (317) 232-8172 with questions.

**US Mail,
Overnight,
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